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origin and its chief support in the person and teachings of Christ.

We shall be very much obliged to the religious journals which shall receive a marked copy of this number of the *ADVOCATE*, if they will make a brief note of the subject urging its importance. Many pastors are in thorough sympathy with the peace movement and would be very glad to speak on the subject, if they were only made aware of what is sought to be accomplished by the Peace Sunday.

SPECIAL APPEAL.

The American Peace Society, in carrying on its extensive work of peace propaganda, has always been dependent to a considerable degree on the voluntary contributions of its members and friends. These contributions have usually come in regularly each year. This year, owing doubtless to the depressed financial condition of the country, these contributions have been much less than usual. The past eighteen months, however, the activity of the Society has not been lessened, but much increased. The opening for peace work has been greater than usual in all parts of the world, and the Society has tried to do all in its power to take advantage of its opportunities. A considerable amount of money was spent last year in the effort to make the International Peace Congress at Chicago successful. This year the Secretary has been sent to the Congress at Antwerp, at considerable expense. An extra effort has been made recently to supply new and fresh literature for use in developing a wider interest in the cause. Much of this is given away, and the rest of it sold often at a considerable loss. The *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* has been sent regularly for more than two years to all the College and University reading rooms in the country, and to many other important centers of influence. Prizes have been offered for essays, etc., etc.

The Society desires to keep up all this work and to extend it, but can not do it without more funds. Can not all the friends of the cause, now that business is reviving, make a special effort to renew their former contributions? Will not many other persons place the Society's work among the list of those objects which are to receive their annual contributions? Take a life membership in the Society. This costs but \$20. An annual membership can be had at \$2. No better service can be rendered to the cause than by inducing all your friends to subscribe for the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE*, and thus keep themselves in constant touch with the movement. Will you not aid the work in some one of these ways? The Society hopes for a generous response to this appeal, that it may during the coming winter widen the scope of its operations, and thus more effectively help forward one of the greatest movements ever inaugurated for the betterment of the world.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The American Peace Society still has on hand a considerable number of the full Report of the Chicago Peace Congress, both in paper and in cloth, of which it would be glad to dispose. The book, which contains 332 pages, is so valuable historically that it ought to be in the libraries of all those interested in the cause of peace. Will not our friends take a few copies each, and let us have the money which we have put into these books to expend on further important work, which is constantly demanding our attention. Price, postpaid, in cloth, 75c.; in paper 45c.

We have received the following note from one of the friends of peace in North Carolina:

Editor of the Advocate of Peace:

Dear Friend:—I have lately heard three lectures on the subject of peace by a very learned and eloquent man, in all of which he argued that peace men and Christians can have nothing to do with government affairs, take no part in politics, neither vote nor hold office; that the devil's people are to be left to attend to the politics, hold the offices and run the government, while the people of God are to attend to religion and run the church.

I write to ask if this is the doctrine of the Peace Society of America; if that is the platform on which I am to stand in order to be in harmony with the great peace movement of the country.

We may say to our friend that the Peace Society of America has never adopted any such platform as that inquired about in this note, nor do we think it is likely to do so. We would not speak slightly of anyone's conviction who has come to the conclusion that he can not take any part in government affairs without compromising certain principles. That is a question in practical ethics which everyone must settle for himself. From a certain standpoint there is something to be said in favor of such a position. But we think the opposite course is entirely consistent with Christian peace principles. There are doubtless offices which, in the present constitution of most if not all governments, a non-resistant peace man could not accept. But there are also many other positions which he might hold without any compromise of principle.

The great English orator and statesman, John Bright, who was a consistent non-resistant, not believing that war of any kind is ever right, considered it his duty to enter into politics and to hold office, that he might assist in the improvement of his country's laws and deeds. Some offices he would not have held, and he never allowed any position which he occupied to silence his conscience, but he went everywhere where conscience would let him go, for the sake of his country's good. We think it not only safe to imitate his example but eminently desirable for Christian people to do so.